SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion to exempt suits arising out of Settlement proceedings from the provisions of the Court-fees and Stamp Regulations is noted and will receive every consideration.

138. Abolition of Adiyara for Santis.

Mr. P. Raman Tampi (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) said that every *Santi* in a temple was required to deposit an *Adiyara* which he forfeited under all conditions, even if as the highest bidder he succeeded in getting the much coveted place. The monthly salary of a *Santi* was a pittance hardly equal to the amount he could obtain if he lent the sum he had paid as *Adiyara* on interest. The *Santi* accordingly made good the difference from the allowances for the daily and periodical offerings and other religious rites. He converted his duties as officiator in temples into a regular business concern. That was a debasing spectacle. Government would be neglecting their duty and disregarding their legal and moral obligations as trustee of Devaswom affairs, if they permitted the perpetuation of a practice on the vicious effects of which there could not be two opinions. He therefore requested that the practice of levying *Adiyara* from *Santis* might be abolished.

Mr. Chithrannal Tampuran (Member, Nominated) spoke in support of the request.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

139. Compulsory registration of Vital Statistics.

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Aiyer (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Trivandrum) advocated the compulsory registration of Vital Statistics and explained that a correct collection of births and deaths in Towns was necessary for taking measures to improve the conditions of life, for rightly judging the effects of scarcity, commercial depression, epidemic disease, emigration and immigration upon the prosperity of the community and the influence of professions, trades and locality on its well-being, and for watching the effects of particular sanitary measures.

The same member also urged—

140. Compulsory Vaccination.

that vaccination should be made compulsory. He said that reliance upon sanitary precautions was ineffectual against small-pox and explained that of the three methods for its prevention, namely, isolation and disinfection, inoculation and vaccination, the last was the most efficacious.

Dewan's reply.—Will be noted.

141. Payment of duty on tobacco into bankshalls.

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju (Member, Merchants of Quilon) requested that the Superintendents of Tobacco bankshalls might be asked to receive the duty on tobacco from the wholesale merchants and remit the same into the Taluk Treasuries as in the case of Salt bank-

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